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(These figures, however include considerable areas of lands not fit for cultivation immediately and not fit for profitable cultivation even after reclamation.) "

The number of slums in Madras City.

* 411 Q.—SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of slums in Madras City and the number which have been improved by the Corporation of Madras; and

(b) the number of slums which are on Government poramboke lands and the number on private lands?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) The total number of slums in the City of Madras is 167. Fourty-two of these slums are on Corporation lands, 41 on Government lands and 84 on private lands. The Corporation has improved 98 slums in all, including all the 42 slums on Corporation lands, by providing essential civic amenities like roads, water supply and drainage, lighting, etc."

Civic amenities in slums in Madras City.

* 412 Q.—SRI A. S. SAHAJANANDA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of slums owned by the Government in Madras City ; and

(b) whether the Government have taken steps to see that they are provided with civic amenities such as light, water, drainage, etc. ?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) There are 41 slums on Government lands in the City of Madras.

" (b) Steps are being taken to provide necessary civic amenities to these slums. So far 15 slums have been provided with civic amenities. Improvement of other slums will be taken up in due course."

Alleged mismanagement of panchayat funds in Guntur district.

* 413 Q.—SRI V. SRI KRISHNA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representations from the villagers of Nambur, Guntur district, about the mismanagement of panchayat funds;

(b) whether the Government have received any report from the present Special Officer in the matter;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any departmental enquiry; and

(d) the steps the Government propose to take in this matter?